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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Serial No.:

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For:

COMPLEX FIBER REINFORCED MATERIAL, PREFORM, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING FIBER

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Examiner: Alexis A. Wachtel

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the aboveidentified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance. A fee is required. Accordingly, a Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 is to the best of my knowledge and is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

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